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Group starts online campaign to re-elect mayor 'with a track record of holding the line on taxes.'

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Reviewing homework

EDUCATION

Province announces new initiative

Heide Pearson
For Metro | Halifax

Most who attend Citadel High School say they're assigned homework almost every day, but Grade 12 student Jennifer Aftanas says actually doing it isn't a big priority for her, or for some of her teachers.

"They're like, 'We have an assignment tomorrow; if you don't feel prepared, do your homework, but if you think you're ready, then don't do it, or whatever,'" Aftanas said.

The province has announced an initiative to find a new homework policy for students from primary school to Grade 12.

Students, parents and guardians, teachers, community members and school administrators

are asked to complete an online homework survey. The survey asks about students' responsibility in completing homework, parents' roles, and whether homework actually improves learning.

Education Minister Karen Casey said in a statement Tuesday that input from the public will help shape a policy on homework that will come to schools in September.

Some students say while homework is important, there isn't enough push to do it every day. Other students at Citadel see homework as something that helps them learn, and prepares them for post-secondary school and the professional world.

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Halifax Water workers pour onto picket lines

LABOUR

Non-union staff will maintain water service

Heide Pearson
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Two sides involved in the Halifax Water strike were negotiating late into the day on Tuesday after employees took to picket lines early in the morning.

Employees were dressed in green, marching around the entrances to the Halifax Water parking lot on Cowie Hill Road starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

"What's disgusting? Pension busting! What's outrageous? Carl Yates wages!" employees chanted loudly.

Halifax Water say they were contacted at 8:30 p.m. Monday, and again at 6 a.m. Tuesday by employees notifying them that they would be walking off the job at 8 a.m.

Halifax Water says they were taken by surprise when the received notice that employees would be striking.

Spokesman James Campbell said they had contacted CUPE over the weekend to try to get the negotiation process started before strike action



Unionized employees with Halifax Water, members of CUPE Locals 227 and 1431, picket in front of Halifax Water's head office on Cowie Hill Road, Tuesday morning. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

took place, but picket lines were established at locations by 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"We were under the impression that there would be

negotiations early this week and there would be no strike or lockout," said Campbell.

It was reported that employees were locked out after

some workers arrived for work at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday and their access cards were deactivated.

Campbell said employees

+ DEMANDS

Unionized Halifax Water employees, represented by CUPE Locals 227 and 1431, are striking over wages and pension plan changes.

were not locked out, but, instead, when Halifax Water received notification on Monday night that employees were planning to strike at 8 a.m. the next day, they disabled their access to buildings.

"We don't want them in our facilities when they're on strike," Campbell said. "Clearly a strike, not a lockout."

Campbell said Halifax Water is optimistic the negotiations will lead to a resolution.

Non-unionized Halifax Water staff are now running the facilities.

When contacted by Metro on Tuesday afternoon, union officials said they weren't discussing how negotiations were proceeding.

Later Tuesday evening, Halifax Water sent out a news release stating CUPE Locals 227 and 1431 "have agreed to a media blackout on any details of ongoing discussions while the bargain teams remain at the negotiating table."

EXPENSES

Council to face review

The auditor general for the Halifax Regional Municipality is set to present two reports at the audit and finance standing committee meeting on Wednesday morning.

The reports will include a compliance review of expenses focusing on the mayor, councillors and senior staff, as well as a performance review of risk management related to the fuel spill at Halifax Transit last year.

Nearly 200,000 litres of diesel leaked from an underground fuel line at Halifax Transit's Dartmouth bus depot last year and the cost of clean-up is estimated to be more than \$2 million.

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IN BRIEF

Knife-wielding robber hits convenience store

Police say a man armed with a knife robbed a Halifax-area convenience store Sunday night.

The man entered the Needs Convenience store on Lacewood Drive just after 9:30 p.m., demanded money and then fled.

A police K9 unit failed to find the suspect. The store employee wasn't injured.

The suspect is a white man who was wearing a black ball cap and a black winter coat with fur trim on the hood.

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CRIME

Suspect arrested in purse snatching

Police have made an arrest in the case of a purse that was stolen from a blind woman at Pete's Frootique in Halifax.

On Monday morning, Halifax Regional Police arrested a 43-year-old man in connection with the theft, which happened May 1 at 6:40 p.m. in the store on Dresden Row.

Police say the victim, who is visually impaired, was shopping at Pete's when a man approached her shopping cart and stole her purse.

The purse was later found in a garbage can on the street with all of the victim's money gone.

Shortly after the incident, po-

+ BACKGROUND

The man, who was arrested at his residence on Morris Street in Halifax, is facing charges of theft under \$5,000, possession under \$5,000 and breach of probation.

lice released images of the suspect with hopes that the public might be able to identify him.

Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said on Tuesday they were able to ID him through several tips they received. METRO



Police arrested a suspected purse snatcher Monday. METRO FILE

DARTMOUTH

Driver gets lecture for causing crash

A truck driver got a ticket and an earful for his involvement in a two-vehicle accident in Dartmouth.

Police say a car with five passengers was travelling on Pine Street on Monday evening when it was hit at the Dahlia Street intersection by a truck travelling in the opposite direction. One of the passengers in the car was taken to hospital for an assessment.

Police say another passenger in the car — a 42-year-old woman — confronted the driver of the truck and ended up needing to be detained by officers.

According to Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages, the driver of the truck was speaking with officers when a belligerent woman went after the man and tried to assault him.

Officers were able to stop the woman before she hit the truck driver, Bourdages said.

The driver of the truck — a 53-year-old man — decided not to press charges against the woman.

He was issued a summary offence ticket by police for failing to yield to a vehicle already in an intersection.

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Halifax Harbour Bridges issued the tender Tuesday for work on stops for the Macdonald Bridge Shuttle. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Stops finalized for Macdonald shuttle

TRANSIT

Dartmouth, new Halifax location to see shelters, lights



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Bus shelters and signs should be going up within a month for those looking to use the Macdonald Bridge shuttle.

On Tuesday, Halifax Harbour Bridges (HHB) issued the tender for work on two shuttle stops: one on the Dartmouth side of

the bridge at 30 Faulkner St. and the other on the Halifax side directly off the Macdonald, near the intersection of North and Gottingen streets.

"On the Dartmouth side, that's been our location for a while," HHB spokeswoman Alison MacDonald said Tuesday. "It's the one on the Halifax side (that) ... proved more difficult."

The original Halifax shuttle stop had been selected for the area at Lower Water and Cornwallis streets, MacDonald said, but the active transportation community had issues with the spot when it was presented in January.

For those living in the north and west ends of Halifax, Mac-

Donald said the spot was inconvenient and made people go downtown to get over to Dartmouth on the Macdonald during the day and MacKay when it's closed in the evenings.

MacDonald said the pedestrian lanes will be removed June 29 in order for more work on the Big Lift to get underway, but they will provide a 24-hour-a-day shuttle service.

The shuttle will be free of charge, and bikers and walkers can check it out during Bike Week from June 5 to 14, as HHB will have a bus and trailer on display next to the bike lane on the Dartmouth side.

The tender should be awarded in a week, with construction of

+ CLOSURE

The Macdonald's pedestrian and bike lane is expected to be closed until December 2016.

the shelters, signage and lights to be completed before the end of June, MacDonald said.

The Halifax stop will require digging into the grassy part beside the road so the bus can pull out of traffic, MacDonald said, but will return to normal after the bridge is complete.

The final shuttle schedule should be set by June, MacDonald said.



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TUESDAY NIGHT TUNES MUSEUM HOSTING FREE CONCERTS Ellen Gibling, left, and Erin Dempsey of Ragged Robin perform on Tuesday in the back courtyard of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The museum will be hosting Tuesday Night Tunes, a free concert series in partnership with the Waterfront Development, from May 26 until Aug. 25. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Feedback sought on 'green print'

GREEN NETWORK PLAN

City invites residents to have their say on open spaces



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Call it a green print instead of a blueprint.

The city took its first step forward in mapping out the future of its open spaces Tuesday, by launching the first phase of its new Halifax Green Network Plan, which give residents the chance to have their say about places that are important to them.

"This is really the first time that the municipality ... (has) taken a comprehensive view of planning for open spaces, both private and public," Peter Bigelow, who manages policy and planning for HRM's parks

and recreation department, explained Tuesday.

"We're quite ... used to planning our built environments, but in order to balance that, you actually have to be deliberate and intentional around planning and protecting your open spaces that are of high value."

That's why the city is asking citizens for feedback, whether by stopping by an open house or pop-up display in their community, or by heading online to simply click on the locations they value via an interactive map.

"Every time somebody puts a pin on that map, that indicates something to us," Bigelow said.

"We're just at the beginning, so we're really wanting information from the public around what matters to them in terms of open spaces."

The municipality will continue to collect feedback in various phases of the Halifax Green Network Plan over the next year, with the informa-

tion expected to "help shape core objectives and implement directions" that will be presented to city council next spring, according to a news release.

"Cities are actually ... stepping up and becoming much more responsible for all aspects that impact the daily lives of our citizens," Bigelow said, adding you'll "find this all over the world."

In HRM, the first pop-up display is being held from 9 a.m. to noon May 30 at the Halifax Central Library, while the first open house is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 1 at Acadia Hall in Lower Sackville.

+ WHERE TO GO

Go to www.halifax.ca/halifaxgreennetwork to provide feedback on the interactive map and check out the community engagement portal at www.shapetheyourcity.com.

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Kelly surprised by push to re-elect him as mayor

POLITICS

Draft Kelly site expresses dissatisfaction with Savage



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A new website calling for Halifax to “draft” Peter Kelly in the run for mayor caught many off guard Tuesday — none more so than Kelly himself.

The website Draft Kelly launched Tuesday morning on behalf of “citizens for Peter Kelly” to encourage a possible bid to run for Mayor Mike Savage’s current seat in the 2016 municipal election.

“Halifax needs a mayor that will stand up for all Halifaxians,” the site reads.

“The phone calls and emails have come in and caught me totally off guard,” Kelly said from his municipal CAO office in Westlock County, Alta.

“(It’s) flattering or humbling, but at the end of the day I am surprised.”

The website says citizens are disappointed with Savage, who voted with the majority of regional council “to approve an exclusive tax cut for Irving Shipbuilding Inc.” while upping property taxes for residents.

“We believe raising taxes to pay for an Irving tax break is unacceptable. The people of Halifax deserve a mayor with a track record of holding the line on taxes,” the



Then-mayor Peter Kelly, right, and mayor-elect Mike Savage meet at city hall prior to Savage taking power in 2012. JEFF HARPER/METRO

site reads.

Kelly stirred up talk of his running for the mayor’s seat when he was in town this April, saying he’s been hearing support from residents but is “still thinking” about the move.

His CAO contract was just renewed until next February, Kelly said, so “at some point



I can confirm that our organization is sober.

Draft Kelly via its Twitter page

in time before then, I’m sure I’ll have to make a decision one way or the other.”

Although Kelly’s last term in office was plagued by a string of scandals, includ-

ing the so-called “Cash for Concerts” episode and the mishandling of a friend’s estate, one Halifax professor pointed out Kelly has “always had fans.”

“They’re free to do as they wish; that’s what makes politics interesting,” said Jack Novack, director of the local government program at Dalhousie University.

“Whether or not this is a serious, bona-fide effort and a threat to the incumbent or simply another amusing sideline is yet to be seen.”

SUPPORT

Alberta boss would join Kelly campaign

If Peter Kelly does decide to run in the next municipal election, he’ll have help from his biggest Albertan fan.

After hearing about a new website focused on drafting Kelly back to the city to run in the 2016 election, the reeve of Westlock County said residents here are showing “unusually good common sense.”

“He’s a visionary. He’s leading us in places we have never even considered going before,” Bud Massey said about Kelly’s role as CAO, which he has held for the past nine months.

“He’s moved us very much forward. We’re one of the best-run municipalities in Alberta now.”

Although Massey had nothing but overwhelmingly positive things to say on Kelly’s behalf, he added he wouldn’t stand in Kelly’s way if he decided to run in Halifax.

“In fact, if he decided to go back ... I would take a leave of absence and come and campaign for him,” Massey said.

Kelly works long hours, presents great research and is very organized, Massey said, while also helping the county raise revenue and cut expenses.

“The qualities and the expertise that he brings is way beyond a small county,” Massey said.

“We’re very thankful we have him for as long as we do.”

Despite hearing about some of the financial scandals that plagued Kelly’s last couple of years in office, Massey said he still thinks people in Halifax “have not got both sides of the story.”

“Right now his heart and soul is in Westlock County. If people convince him to come back and run, his heart and soul will be in Halifax,” Massey said. HALEY RYAN/METRO



Bud Massey, Westlock reeve.
DOUG NEUMAN/WESTLOCK NEWS

+ PETER KELLY’S LEGACY

Quite the record: HRM’s longest-serving mayor, Kelly started off as mayor of Bedford. He was later elected as the mayor of the newly amalgamated HRM in 2000 and held that position until he declined to run in 2012. His popularity was widespread during most of his political career, resulting in re-elections in 2004 and 2008.

Long hours: Days before leaving office, Kelly told Metro he had often worked 80 to 90 hours

a week, sometimes even sleeping in his office. When he left office, Kelly said one failing had been his work/life balance. Although he “screwed up on that one,” he wanted to correct it.

Concert scandal: Kelly loved bringing outdoor concert acts like Kiss and Paul McCartney to Halifax. But they ended up landing him in hot water when he was involved in the so-called “Cash

for Concerts” scandal back in 2010, when over \$400,000 was fronted to



promoter Harold MacKay for two Commons concerts with the Black Eyed Peas and Alan Jackson. The city was left with a \$360,000 bill when the promoter couldn’t pay back the money advanced through Trade Centre Limited.

The everyman: During his time in office, Kelly was known to show up to every ribbon-cutting ceremony and events both big and small across the region. He was also famous for knowing how

to slice cakes of all sizes like no other.

Estate scandal: Kelly came under fire in 2012 when The Coast alleged he had mishandled the estate of his friend Mary Thibeault. Kelly was eventually removed as executor after five of the other heirs went to probate court to protest his handling of the will. Lawyers for Kelly and the other heirs reached a settlement — the terms of which are confidential — in March 2013.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



Dwayne Samson makes his way into court in Port Hawkesbury on Tuesday. CAPE BRETON POST

Man pleads guilty in lobster case

MANSLAUGHTER

Boat captain to be sentenced in August

The captain of a lobster boat pleaded guilty Tuesday to manslaughter, admitting that he rammed the speedboat of another fisherman, whom he suspected was tampering with his lobster traps, off the coast of Nova Scotia before the man was dragged out to sea and never seen again.

Dwayne Matthew Samson of D'Escousse was originally charged with second-degree murder in the death of 43-year-old Phillip Boudreau on June 1, 2013.

He entered a guilty plea to the lesser charge in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Port Hawkesbury, where a sen-

cing hearing is scheduled for two days in August.

Crown prosecutor Shane Russell said he will seek a sentence in the "double digits" for Samson, while defence lawyer Nash Brogan said he will argue for a sentence between seven and nine years.

Samson was one of four people charged in the case.

Samson's wife Carla, who owns the lobster boat the Twin Maggies, and Craig Landry are both facing a charge of accessory after the fact.

In January, James Landry was given a 14-year prison sentence after a jury found him guilty of manslaughter, although he was charged with second-degree murder. He has filed an appeal of the sentence.

Russell said Landry's manslaughter conviction influenced Samson's case.

"A jury got to hear all of those facts, and from the Crown's standpoint, that was the stronger (case) of the two accused," Russell said outside court.

Brogan said he will call a psychiatrist during the sentencing hearing as an expert witness.

Samson, who has been living in Halifax on bail, was allowed by the judge to return to his home in D'Escousse until the sentencing hearing.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

“The people on this boat, for years they had been subjected to menace, abuse by Mr. Boudreau cutting traps and (making threats).”

Defence lawyer Nash Brogan

MURDER

Mounties still seeking leads in cold case



Nova Scotia teenager Kevin Wesley Martin went missing 21 years ago Tuesday.

Commercial loggers stumbled across his remains buried in a shallow grave in the Burnside area of Colchester County almost 15 years ago: Nov. 13, 2000.

But the Mounties haven't given up trying to find out what happened to the 13-year-old when he disappeared from his Stellarton home on May 19, 1994.

"This is important to us, and I'm sure it's very important to the family," provincial RCMP spokesman Sgt. Alain Leblanc said Tuesday.

"We feel that there (are) people out there that have information about this, and



Kevin Martin of Stellarton.

COURTESY RCMP

it's important that they come forward," he said. "No piece of information is too small."

The Martin homicide is part of the Nova Scotia government's Major Unsolved Crimes Program, which awards up to \$150,000 to anyone with information leading to an arrest and conviction.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP at 1-888-710-9090; or Crime Stoppers anonymously by calling 1-800-222-8477, texting TIP202 plus your message to 274637 or going to crimestoppers.ns.ca.

Notice to Halifax Water Customers



Halifax Water is in a labour disruption following strike action by CUPE Locals 227 and 1431. Management and non-union Halifax Water staff are making every effort to ensure that the essential water, wastewater and stormwater services you depend on are provided.

Below is a list of contact numbers for water, wastewater, and stormwater service, as well as bill payment locations that will remain available throughout this labour disruption.

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Bayer's Road	7071 Bayers Road, 2nd Floor Towers Halifax, NS B3L 4P3	8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday
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Scotia Square	5201 Duke Street Halifax, NS B3J 1N9	8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Halifax Water's Head Office at 450 Cowie Hill Rd. will be closed to the public throughout this labour disruption.

Bill payments can be made online via EPost (visit www.halifaxwater.ca); mail to PO Box 8388 RPO CSC, Halifax, NS B3K 5M1; at all Halifax Municipality Customer Service Centres; and through most financial institutions. For more information on Halifax Water, including updated information regarding this labour disruption, please visit www.halifaxwater.ca

Song honours fallen reservist

MUSIC

Dean Brody pens special piece for Cpl. Nathan Cirillo



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Like many Canadians, Nova Scotia's Dean Brody could think only about the family of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo on that tragic day in October.

Brody was on a layover in New York while travelling to Nashville, Tenn. on Oct. 22, 2014, when he heard about the reservist who was shot dead while guarding the National War Memorial.



It's just out of respect for Nathan's family.

Dean Brody

The next night, after the multi-award-winning country musician finished a recording session, he sat at the kitchen table alone.

"I started thinking about the little boy losing his dad that way," he said.

Forty minutes later, Brody had written a tear-stained tribute to Cirillo and his family.

That song is called Footprints of a Giant and it ap-



Dean Brody performs at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg last year as part of his Crop Circles & Tractor Beams tour.

DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

pears on his new record, Gypsy Road. But Brody may never perform the song again — not even when he comes

to Ottawa for a show that's just days before the first anniversary of the shooting.

"It's just a song that will

live on the record," he said.

"It's just out of respect for Nathan's family."

Apart from the emotional

tribute, Gypsy Road is a collection of Brody's most upbeat and energetic songs to date, which may seem odd

+ TOUR

In another first for Brody, he's teaming up with fellow Canadian country musician Paul Brandt for a cross-country tour. He's performing at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax on Oct. 24.

given he moved from the hustle and bustle of Nashville to the more laid-back lifestyle of Chester.

"When I was in Nashville, I was part of the machine, going and meeting with a new person every day, writing ... almost like a production line," he said.

"I burned out really fast. After two years, I didn't want to write a song anymore."

Away from that machine, Brody said he has been able to "open up creatively" writing songs from home while caring for his two children, aged seven and 15, with his wife Iris.

With several Canadian Country Music Association and Juno awards to his name, Brody picked up a ukulele for the first time recording this album.

His seven-year-old daughter, who's taking lessons from Juno award-winning plucker Kim Barlow, inspired his ukulele foray.

"I know three chords and I can do those three chords OK," he joked.

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POLITICS PUBLIC SCIENTISTS DECRY MUZZLING A pile of unused placards sits upside down during a rally at Tunney's Pasture in Ottawa on Tuesday. The rally, held by federal unions, was to protest the muzzling of Canada's public scientists and partisan interference in the development of public science. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario police probe RCMP handling of long-gun registry

Allegations of RCMP wrongdoing related to the illegal destruction of long-gun registry records are under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police.

It's the latest twist in an unprecedented battle between the Conservative government and an independent officer of parliament whose job is to safeguard Canadians' access to government records. Information commis-

sioner Suzanne Legault issued a special report last week revealing she'd recommended in March that charges be laid against the RCMP for the destruction of long-gun registry records that were part of an active investigation.

The Harper government responded by retroactively rewriting the law, backdating the changes and burying the amendment in an omnibus budget bill.

Legault calls that a "perilous precedent" that could be used by governments to retroactively rewrite laws on everything from spending scandals to electoral fraud.

"It will be looked at by a senior investigator," Sgt. Peter Leon of the OPP said, confirming an investigation will take place. However, that doesn't mean charges will be laid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Licence to grow

OTTAWA

President of university behind medical weed company



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

University of Ottawa president Allan Rock and his family are behind a budding new business venture — now all they need is a licence from the federal government to grow medical marijuana.

Corporate documents obtained by Metro show Rock, a former Liberal cabinet minister who once presided over the health portfolio, along with his wife Deborah Hanscom and their two children, have started a business called RockGarden Medicinals Inc.

On its website, the company says it aims to become "a trusted supplier of premium medicinal marijuana."

Before they can do that, however, Health Canada needs to grant them a licence to grow medical marijuana — something Hanscom, who is the company's chief executive officer, says is still up in the air.



It's been a great experience, but it's still a real work in progress.

Deborah Hanscom, CEO of RockGarden Medicinals Inc. and wife of Allan Rock



University of Ottawa president Allan Rock is seen in this file photo. Rock and his family are trying to obtain a licence from Health Canada to grow medical marijuana. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

"Right now we're not close to having a licence to produce, and there's other applicants in the community in our position," she said.

Hanscom, who uses medical marijuana herself to treat chronic pain, says obtaining a license is taking longer than expected because Health Canada is still getting its rules and regulations sorted out.

"Everyone needs to keep a site available, there's a cost to keeping people who will be your professionals, keeping shareholders interested in the uncertainty," she said. That has left the company in limbo.

The family incorporated two companies in 2013 and 2014, corporate records show.

One of them — an Ontario numbered company — lists Rock as its president and as one of its directors. His name does not appear on the corporate filings of the second company, RockGarden Medicinals (2014) Inc.

Both companies list 259 Mc-

Leod St. in downtown Ottawa as their business address. Property records show Rock and Hanscom bought the property in March 2014. Hanscom says the numbered company owns the building where RockGarden Medicinals hopes to eventually grow medicinal marijuana.

The other company handles RockGarden Medicinals' business operations, she said. Hanscom says her husband is not involved in the marijuana-growing side of the business.

Rock — whose term as president and vice-chancellor of the University of Ottawa comes to an end next year — did not respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

Hanscom says she has enjoyed the experience of starting a medicinal marijuana business, even if it never gets off the ground.

"It's been a great experience, but it's still a real work in progress," she said.

Health Canada has yet to respond to a request for comment.



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Canada's emissions targets not likely to impress other nations

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's new greenhouse gas emissions targets may not win him any raves at next month's G7 summit, but it could help him stave off a bit of criticism.

Harper is expected to attend the June leaders' summit where his German hosts will focus on climate change as their neighbour and fellow G7 member, France, prepares to host a major environmental summit in December.

Canada has faced international criticism for being a climate-change laggard, but last week the Harper government announced it would aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

For now, the United States says it wants see more before it passes judgment.

+ GREENHOUSE GASES

A look at what others are saying about their climate change targets.

- **Canada:** Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq says Canada plans to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.
- **United States:** In a submission to the climate conference, Washington has repeated a pledge to reduce

emissions by 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2025.

- **Russia:** Moscow uses 1990 as its baseline and says it aims to reduce emissions to 70 to 75 per cent of 1990 levels by 2030.
- **Europe:** The European Union says it intends to cut emissions by at least 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Barry Rabe, a climate policy expert at the University of Michigan, says Canada's target appears more ambitious than expected, but is still not enough to win plaudits in foreign capitals.

The target may be an indication that Canada is sensitive to some of the past international criticism it has faced because it was higher than expected, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



An Italian Coast Guard ship carrying migrants arrives at Pozzallo's harbour near Ragusa, Sicily, Italy, on Tuesday.

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EU operation risky: Experts

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Plan aims to systematically destroy vessels of smugglers

Experts say the European Union's plan to disrupt the business of human traffickers and destroy their boats in the Mediterranean is a short-term deterrent that is likely to be dangerous, costly and tough to implement.

Faced with a rising death toll of migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean to get into Europe, the EU wants to launch a military operation next month to "destroy the business model" of the smugglers to coincide with the migrant high season. The operation will progressively include surveying smuggling routes, searching and boarding possible smuggling boats and eventually, possibly destroying those boats.

However, experts voiced

concern Tuesday about the plan's real impact on smugglers — saying it could be just a media show to demonstrate EU determination to stop these perilous sea voyages.

The operation is still in the planning stage and requires a UN Security Council resolution and some consent from Libya, the major departure site for smugglers, for its full implementation to be legally sound. It will involve European navy ships, drones and satellite imagery.

"Having this aggressive military action is really sound and fury," said Tuesday Reitano from the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. "It's going to cost a lot, it's going to look very impressive, with naval boats patrolling up and down, but it's certainly not going to have a long-term impact."

According to a planning document, the aim is "to disrupt the business model of the smugglers" by systematically destroying their main assets: boats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Republicans admit Iraq was a mistake

It's perhaps fitting that a member of the Bush family has achieved in a few days something that seemed unattainable for years: getting Republicans to declare that the 2003 invasion of Iraq was, after all, a big mistake.

Republican presidential candidates have been lining up to call it an error.

Ted Cruz, Scott Walker, Marco Rubio, George Pataki, Rick Santorum, Rand Paul, radio host Laura Ingraham — every one

took a position that would have been anathema within the party a few years ago.

It was all triggered by an apparent flub by Jeb Bush.

The presidential hopeful, ex-Florida governor and brother of the president who attacked Iraq was asked on Fox News last week whether he would have invaded, knowing what he knows today.

Yes, he replied.

He tried to correct the record a day later. He said he'd misin-

terpreted the question and had based his answer on how he felt in 2003 — when the U.S. government said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and an invasion would be quick and easy. By week's end, he settled on a final answer: no.

He was pounded with criticism in the meantime — largely from his own side. Ingraham, a popular conservative radio host, said: "You can't still think that going into Iraq, now, as a sane human

being, was the right thing to do." Other presidential aspirants had no problem answering the Iraq question.

"Of course not," Cruz, the conservative favourite from Texas, told CNN. "I mean, the entire predicate for the war against Iraq was the intelligence that showed they had weapons of mass destruction and that there was a real risk they might use them ...

"We now know that intelligence was false." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Push on for paid sick leave

EMPLOYMENT

Big U.S. firms tweak policies to get ahead of new legislation

For Shannon Henderson, getting a cold or flu could be the difference between putting food on the table and going hungry. As a part-time customer service representative at a Walmart in Sacramento, Calif., Henderson is one of an estimated 40 million American workers for whom calling in sick is a luxury. If they don't work, they don't get paid.

Paid sick leave is the next frontier in the fight for the country's lowest earners. The debate has caught the attention of governments and companies alike.

U.S. President Barack Obama is calling for federal legislation that would require companies to guarantee workers paid sick days. And since San Francisco started requiring that in 2007, nearly 20 cities and three states — Connecticut, Massachusetts



Shannon Henderson poses outside the Walmart store where she works in Sacramento, Calif. She is one of about 40 million workers who don't get paid if they call in sick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and California — have passed similar measures. New York, Maryland and other states are considering laws, too. McDonald's Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. both are making changes to their paid sick leave policies.

The new focus comes in

the face of wide disparities between the benefits received by the top and bottom rungs of the corporate ladder. Sixty-one per cent of U.S. workers get at least one paid sick day, according to a survey conducted last year by the Bureau of Labor

Statistics.

But only 20 per cent of workers whose wages are in the bottom 10 per cent get paid sick leave, compared with 87 per cent in the top 10 per cent. Also, 74 per cent of full-time workers get paid sick leave,

I'm super-afraid of getting sick

Shannon Henderson

while 24 per cent of part-time workers do, according to BLS.

Despite the disparities, some industry groups are fighting against laws requiring sick leave pay. Many companies are leaning toward policies that lump together sick, personal and vacation days.

Big companies are changing their paid sick leave policies ahead of legislation.

Walmart said within a year it would end the one-day wait for sick pay for all full-time U.S. workers. A spokesman said the company is reviewing its sick policy for part-time workers.

McDonald's is taking a different approach by lumping together personal and sick days. Starting July 1, full-time and part-time workers at company-owned restaurants will begin to accrue personal paid time off after one year of service that can be used for sick leave. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Insolvencies rising in Canada, report finds

The number of Canadians who can't pay their debts and are being forced into insolvency is on the rise for the first time since the recession, according to a report by CIBC. The bank says the cumulative number of insolvencies rose by 1.2 per cent in the six-month period ended in February.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil and gas sector could lose 185,000 jobs: Study

A new study by Enform's labour market division says shrinking budgets in the oil and gas industry could lead to as many as 185,000 direct and indirect job losses this year in Canada. It says engineering construction firms are the most vulnerable, while exploration and development drilling could make up the second most losses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apple introduces new MacBook Pro, iMac

Apple is introducing an updated 15-inch MacBook Pro laptop, starting at \$1,999 US, and new \$1,999 US iMac desktop computer. It is also lowering the price for its top-end iMac to \$2,299 US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEAT LABELLING LAWS

U.S. lawmakers introduce bill to avert trade war

A group of U.S. lawmakers hopes to move swiftly in an effort to avoid a trade war with Canada.

Members of a congressional committee have introduced a bill that would repeal American meat-labelling standards.

The move from the House agriculture committee came a day after the World Trade Organization found the standards violated international trade law.

Canada and Mexico are seeking to slap tariffs on a wide

range of American goods, unless the U.S. Congress changes the rules.

The new bill would repeal the requirement that beef, pork and poultry sold in the U.S. be labelled with the country where the animals were

born, raised and slaughtered.

Canada and Mexico blame the rule for reducing exports and major business groups in the U.S. also criticize it for complicating the sorting process.

The Canadian government said Tuesday it is serious about retaliation.

"In light of the WTO's final decision and due to the fact that this discriminatory measure remains in place, our governments will be seeking authorization from the WTO

to take retaliatory measures against U.S. exports," Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said.

The sponsors of the American bill expressed optimism that it would have enough votes to pass the House of Representatives and then also the Senate, where adoption could be a bit trickier.

If it fails, Canada and Mexico are preparing to impose tariffs on a range of American goods including wine, cereal and frozen orange juice.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

The government has to give us some facts before it spins them

There's spin, and then there are facts.

And while I don't mind Stephen Harper's heavy messaging, it's scary how little actual information we're fed.

Take government scientists, muzzled by what one prominent biologist called the Conservatives' "control issue."

Yesterday, scientists in Ottawa and elsewhere rallied to protest restraints that keep them from talking to the media. Cuts to research mean policies will be based on ideology in the absence of science, they argue.

Biologist Steve Campana (now retired), described a fear among scientists. As veterans like him retire to escape the toxic environment, there will be a hollowing-out of expertise and a "death spiral for government science," he told media.

Of course, Harper is concerned we get his messages. Conservative talking points are so tightly worded he might as well use wind-up dolls. I'm not upset that he holds his MPs so close they must know what deodorant he wears. Spin, after all, is a part of government.

But this is about silencing research that we pay for. And it goes far beyond science.

A recent Toronto Star editorial accused Harper of silencing numerous watchdogs, including ones who overlooked the budget, nuclear energy and veterans affairs.

In Kill the Messengers: Stephen Harper's Assault on Your Right to Know, published this year, author Mark Bourrie argues Harper's control over MPs and bureaucrats makes officials accountable to the PM's agenda, not the electorate.

We've got a National Press Theatre, but you'd never know it, since Harper barely bothers with the press. And his attendance at question period has dwindled to less than one third of the time, the National Post reported this weekend.

Meanwhile, our Access to Information Act feels more like the Failure to Access Information Act. It's more a "shield against transparency," Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault said ahead of a report released in March.

And it's a joke: last year, the Privy Council Office redacted even Prime Minister David Cameron's name before releasing details of his 2011 visit (agenda items were also blacked out).

To quote Campana: "when you go to the extent of silencing just talking about facts, that just doesn't make any sense." And it doesn't make for a good democracy.

If it must, the government can spin the facts I already have on hand — because it gave them to me. Without those facts, I can't properly judge its actions.

Besides, it's my information.

THE BIG THING: CANNES TAKES A STAND ON HIGH HEELS

The ultra-fancy French film festival stepped on some toes this week after hosts turned several women away from movie premieres for wearing flat shoes instead of high heels. The resulting social media dust-up kicked off a debate about the rights to individual expression and comfort versus the obligation to respect the dress code of a private event. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



1 "Shoegate" Backlash was quick after several older women reportedly were denied entry to Sunday's premiere of the film *Carol*, for wearing flat shoes. Asif Kapadia, director of the Amy Winehouse documentary *Amy*, tweeted that his wife temporarily was barred from his premiere for the same reason.

2 Cannes responds

There's long been a strict formal dress code at Cannes — men in tuxedos; women in evening dresses — but there's no specific rule about heel height, said festival spokeswoman Christine Aime. She said hosts were reminded of that after the controversy hit.

3 Award for awkwardness This hiccup came at a bad time, as Cannes has worked hard to embrace gender equality. A female director opened the event for the first time since 1987. The fest features female-driven films such as the thriller *Sicario*, with Emily Blunt, who said it's "disappointing" female festival-goers were expected to suffer for the sake of formality.

For health and privacy, we must protect genetic data

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford



Earlier this month the Senate Human Rights Committee gutted a bill calling for a law against genetic discrimination in Canada. Instead of protecting Canadians from having their personal genetic information used against them, the bill now simply provides a definition of "disclose" and "genetic test," and protects no one.

More than 26,000 genetic tests are now available to the public. Many do-it-yourself tests, like those offered by mail from the California-based company 23andMe, cost less than \$200. As more Canadians elect to find out what their genetic blueprints say about them, Canada needs to protect their genetic information from being misused.

According to Senator James Cowan, who tabled the bill,

most other Western democratic countries have laws like this already. In 2003, the United Nations' scientific and cultural organization adopted the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data, which aims to prevent personal genetic information from being used against an individual or group.

Why isn't Canada on board? The insurance industry opposed the original bill banning genetic discrimination, Senator Cowan said in the Senate.

Really? Should business interests be the reason this principle fails to become law?

Many Canadians who are sick and in need of treatment could be helped by genetic testing.

But with no law to protect them, they might decide not to get tested.

They might fear repercussions from their insurance company or employers down the road, if their tests indicate they carry genes that predis-

pose them to a medical condition or disease.

Canadians may well decide not to get tested if there's a risk their insurance premiums will go up, or that they will be denied insurance.

Ironically, when a patient is able to catch a genetic disease early through testing, they're often able to take preventative measures that reduce the potential cost of their care for everyone involved — including themselves, the government and their insurers.

Genetic discrimination could come from anywhere, not just insurance companies. Should a hospital be allowed to deny a surgeon a job if he or she were found to be at risk for tremor-causing Parkinson's disease? Would it be OK if a private school, whose reputation depends on its students' test scores, rejected a student who carried a gene related to dyslexia?

We should not leave these decisions for Canadian organizations to make for them-

Should a hospital be able to deny a surgeon a job if he or she were found to be at risk for tremor-causing Parkinson's? Would it be OK if a private school ... rejected a student who carried a gene related to dyslexia?

selves. As researchers discover more about the complicated human blueprint, Canadians will need increasing protection from discrimination that might arise from that information.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

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Back to basics

From canning to condo-raised quail, a movement is bringing the country to city living

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So you want to go back to the land, raise livestock, harvest crops.

Like most city folk, however, your head's in the clouds, 20 storeys up, nowhere close to a home with a garden, let alone farmland. It's impossible, you think.

Far from it, say the authors of three new cookbooks. Your dream is as close as your kitchen.

All three are pioneers of urban homesteading, a movement reviving the hands-on skills of farm living — and eating — in the heart of the city. It's everything from growing herbs on your windowsill to raising quail and collecting your eggs for breakfast.

"Everything DIY, it's really rewarding," says Aimée Wimbush-Bourque, creator of Simple Bites blog and author of Brown Eggs and Jam Jars. "People are rediscovering the joy of using their hands again."

For Wimbush-Bourque and her husband, it's about teaching their children self-sufficiency, and how much fun that can be. They even tap their own sugar maple tree in Laval, Que., to make maple syrup.

Urban homesteaders come from all walks of life. Camilla Wynne, author of Preservation Society: Home Preserves, went from playing in an indie rock band to making delicious jams, jellies and preserves at her company Preser-

vation Society in downtown Montreal.

"A lot of urban people don't have direct contact with farms and nature and things like that," says Wynne. "People working in offices, it connects them with the parts of our lives that are missing."

One thing that connects all urban homesteaders is a taste for whole foods — in some cases, extreme whole foods.

Michelle Catherine Nelson, author of The Urban Homesteading Cookbook, is a practitioner of that approach. Like the rabbits she raised in the living room of her downtown Vancouver condo — not as pets, but ingredients. She believes foodies are leading the way.

"There's a desire for homemade, artisanal food," says Nelson, a conservation biologist on the West Coast. "Some of it is esthetic — like craft beer is cooler because it's craft beer — and some of it is about the quality."

It's good for the planet

All three women agree that making food and drinks from scratch is not only good for your taste buds and pocketbook, but for the planet.

"Eating local (year-round) is not super easy, unless you're canning," says Wynne.

Urban homesteading takes less energy than factory-scale farming, and reduces food transportation costs down to walking across the living room to your balcony to harvest tomatoes.

These women were all exposed to farm life as children, thanks to grandparents with farms. In fact, both Wynne

and Nelson dedicated their cookbooks to their grandmothers.

"She is totally the reason I'm doing what I do," says Nelson. "She did everything herself, using every resource available, not wasting anything."

Anyone can do it

Even if the closest you've been to a farm is a petting zoo and you grew up on processed food, these pioneers say you can champion the urban homesteading movement.

Nelson recommends YouTube instructional videos and online forums as learning tools. They're not just practical resources — they can provide a sense of community, something you may need starting out, along with a supportive partner.

"A huge part of my being able to do this is my partner (Chris)," Nelson says. "When I started three years ago, (it seemed) nobody was doing any of this stuff.... But Chris was like, 'Let's do this.'"

Education

Of course, if you're planning on raising livestock, even micro-livestock like quail, you need to educate yourself on local bylaws. You may be pleasantly surprised. Wimbush-Bourque reports that residents of Westmount, Montreal's most tony neighbourhood, are allowed to keep chickens.

Wynne, who offers classes in canning and preserving at her company Preservation Society, says it's important to seek a mentor, or take a class, to ensure more successful experiments.



Scientists and urban homesteaders Michelle Nelson and Chris Mull
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5 TIPS FOR THE URBAN HOMESTEADER

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1 Why it's called preserving

Camilla Wynne, owner of Preservation Society, says food that is properly canned will keep for a very long time. So there's no need to worry about Aunt Ida's two-year-old jam, or your own big batch of preserves. Things are preserved so they can be enjoyed for years to come.

Colour, flavour and texture degrade over time, Wynne says, but that's it. She argues that some preserves like marmalade improve with age, like wine, as their flavours deepen.

"The best-before date on (canned food) really is just about the best part," says Wynne. "Your canned peaches after five years might be on the browner side, but if there's a nuclear holocaust, it's still edible."



Wynne teaches a class at her company Preservation Society. COURTESY CAMILLA WYNNE

2 Yes, you can

Keep things simple when you first start canning.

"I tell people to start with refrigerator pickles," says Aimée Wimbush-Bourque, author of the recipe book *Brown Eggs and Jam Jars*. "They're easy."

Camilla Wynne says fruits like peaches and raspberries are also a good bet because there is sufficient acid for food safety (fruit is acid) and you can customize the flavour to taste. Simply put the raw fruit in sanitized jars, add water, fruit juice or syrup and whatever special extras you desire.

"Add spices, herbs, honey or liqueurs to amp up the flavour," says Wynne.

BE SAFE: Follow the proper procedure for canning. That's where a class or a mentor can come in handy.



Wimbush-Bourque and family in an apple orchard

TIM AND ANGELA CHIN/COURTESY PENGUIN CANADA

5 Get out of town

If you aren't ready to go whole hog, but want a taste of farm life, go ahead and get that taste, smell and touch — on a real farm. "So many farms now, if you call them up, they have specific visitors days, and you-pick-it days," says Wimbush-Bourque. "Farmers are wising up to the fact that city dwellers are looking for that connection to the land."

Wimbush-Bourque and her family enjoy visiting local country fall fairs for a day, packing a picnic, visiting the livestock and produce displays, and learning about the lifestyle.

"You get a feel of farm life if you hang out long enough," she says.

4 If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em

Nelson suggests that more daring locavores might want to join the Invasive Food Movement. It's a way to bite back against invasive plants and animals that are out-competing native species. Have a hankering for escargot? Find some invasive European garden snails, taking over gardens across the country. Japanese knotweed, now a pesky invasive plant, is an edible plant in the spring.

BE SAFE: Before you set out, get guidance on bylaws and safety of invasive species.



ALISON PAGE/THE URBAN HOMESTEADING COOKBOOK

3 Picnic on the lawn

If growing crops on your apartment balcony is out of the question, you can forage for free food around your apartment building or your friend's back garden, says conservation biologist Michelle Nelson.

Take dandelions, for instance. Europeans settlers planted them as an edible plant. The same is true of a lot of weeds found in lawns across the country. "People forget they're food," she says.

BE SAFE: Don't eat weeds treated with pesticides. Nelson is putting out a foraging guide with 30 edible weeds.



Edible Japanese knotweed

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TRY IT

This recipe, from Aimée Wimbush-Bourque's recipe book *Brown Eggs and Jam Jars*, is the epitome of simple, whole food. If you've got chives growing in a container garden on your balcony, or a friend with chives in the garden, you can make this. Great straight on baguette, crostini or cucumber sandwiches.

Radish chive butter

Makes ½ cup (125 mL)
(This butter will keep, covered and refrigerated, for up to 2 days)

¼ cup (60 mL) unsalted butter, room temperature
4 radishes
1 Tbsp (15 mL) chopped young chives
Flaky sea salt

1. Place butter in a small bowl. Using a microplane, grate radishes into the butter. Add chopped chives. Cream the mixture together with a sturdy spatula until it is a unified paste.
2. Transfer radish butter to a small serving dish and serve at room temperature with the sea salt for garnish.



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quid innovation, with many new trends beginning within our borders.

One that continues to elude us is an appreciation of rosé wines.

Hotter than Hades in the U.S. and Europe, rosé is barely on our radar. You can blame it on the weather, but I think we just can't get past the myth that real wine aficionados don't drink pink.

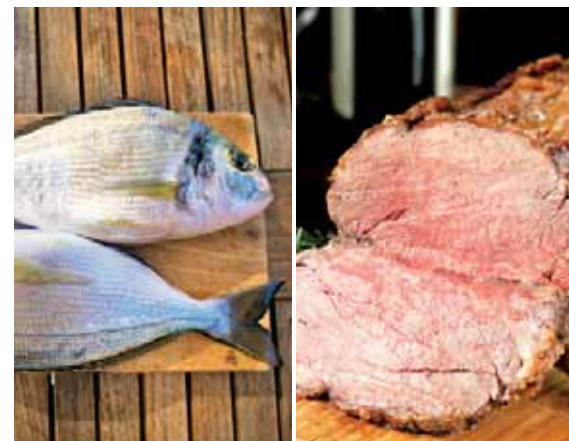
Typically made with a

blend of grapes, single varietal rosés have been making inroads into the mouths of Canadians.

Jacob's Creek 2014 Moscato Rosé (\$10.49 - \$13.49) is a blush version of the popular Aussie white, mixing plush, sweet flavours with a subtle edge of freshly crushed berry fruit.

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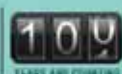


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WORD OF MOUTH

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Is there something fishy about your beef?

If you haven't heard by now, you need to eat more fish than meat. But why? The science so far indicates that the fat balance in your body is critical to your health in terms of aging, inflammation and your own hormonal load.

Omega 3, 6, and 9 do a lot for you, and the Standard (North) American Diet (ironically known as SAD for short) provides an imbalanced amount of 6s and 9s and not enough 3s.

Fish gives you 3s, but meat provides more 6s and 9s.

Enter beef breeding. In China, high omega-3 meat has been "successfully bred." It appears as though what the scientist have done is isolate a gene from a nematode worm which, when added to a cow's DNA, converts omega-6 fat to omega-3. Um, eww. Without belabouring the GMO topic, it seems like a bizarrely long way around to a simple endpoint. There are more than a few ways to get a better balance of omega-3.

• Eat more omega-3 yourself. The best source is fish but

HEALTH NOTES

Omega-3s help protect against Alzheimer's

A study by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has found that for adults at risk of developing late-onset Alzheimer's, consuming more omega-3 fatty acids could have a positive effect of cognitive flexibility.

Looking at 40 cognitively healthy older adults who were at risk of developing late-onset Alzheimer's, they found that those who consumed higher amounts of omega-3 fatty acids demonstrated greater cognitive flexibility — which refers to the ability to switch between tasks. AFP

you have additional options like: seaweed, seeds and nuts, fortified foods and supplements from fish or krill oil. No worms required.

• Choose animals that are fed foods like flax and seeds. There is evidence that fortifying them changes the fat composition for the animal, which in turn fortifies you.

• Reduce your intake of beef and other meats.

• Choose organic, wild or grass-fed meats when you do enjoy them. Fascinatingly, when animals forage on their natural diet of grasses, their fat balance skews toward more of the healthier 3.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who wants you to be in the know.



VW Golf stands test of time



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THE CHECKLIST | 2015 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact hatchback
Engine (hp/torque). 1.8-litre turbo four-cylinder (170/185)

Transmission. Five-speed manual or six-speed automatic

Price. Base \$19,995, as tested, \$32,090 (plus destination)

POINTS

- The Golf is currently the only non-premium vehicle to offer a diesel engine in a hatchback or station wagon.
- The infotainment screen has a proximity sensor to bring up the menu when you put your hand near it.



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COOL FEATURES

- Available: auto-dimming high-beams
- Fender stereo system
- Panoramic dual-pane sunroof
- Forward collision warning
- Rain-sensing wipers
- Sport seats and suspension
- Rearview camera

MARKET POSITION

- Originally sold as the Rabbit in Canada when it debuted for 1975, the Golf went on to become a bestseller for the company. Volkswagen generally plays it safe with its styling changes, and most of this all-new model's upgrades are under the skin.

THE COMPETITION



Honda Fit
Base price: \$14,575



Mazda3 Sport
Base price: \$16,995



Kia Forte5
Base price: \$19,495

REVIEW

Roomier 2015 model feels solid, yet light to drive

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Talk about longevity: the Volkswagen Golf is now 40 years old, and in that time, the company has made more than 30 million copies. And now, for 2015, there's a new one.

You might not even notice if you're not really familiar with it, because the styling changes are relatively minor. But it rides on a new platform, and it's slightly longer and wider for more interior space.

A two-door hatchback version starts at \$18,995, while the four-door begins at \$19,995.

A station wagon is also available. A diesel engine is offered, but this reviewer drove the turbocharged gasoline 1.8-litre four-cylinder. And there's one more choice in all three Golf trim lines: five-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission.

No car stays around that long if it doesn't have the chops. The Golf feels solid but not heavy, and its steering is almost perfectly weighted, with

enough heft to feel in control, but still light enough that you can spin it easily into a parking space. There is virtually no lag in its peppy turbo engine, and the automatic shifts smoothly and almost imperceptibly. This car is just a joy to drive.

Don't prejudice if you initially find the seats too hard. They're not cushy, but they're extremely supportive, and unlike many softer seats, they'll stay comfortable for hours.

The car Metro took for a drive had the top Highline trim, which includes leather seats, rain-sensing wipers, twin-pane panoramic sunroof, and an auto-dimming mirror, for \$29,895. The vehicle also included an optional package of premium stereo, navigation, LED running lights, forward collision warning, and adaptive high-intensity headlamps

for another \$2,195.



No car stays around that long if it doesn't have the chops

An issue with the Golf is that while the interior is put together very well, its plain and plastic-heavy appearance can be at odds with the top trim's price. It's fine in the \$20,000 model, but doesn't look upscale enough at \$32,000.

That aside, 30 million fans can't be wrong. The Golf is practical, but it's also a good performer. Even if you only buy a car as a commuter, there's no reason why it can't be fun to drive, as well.

DESIGN

New Camaro muscles in on Mustang's turf

The new Camaro is lighter, smaller, faster and built around the needs of dedicated drivers, and could easily be mistaken for a European rather than an American sports car.

Chevrolet claims that in order to deliver something special, it focused on three pillars: performance, technology and design, plus feedback from current Camaro owners.

"(They) provided direct feedback on what they loved about their car and

what they wanted for the next-gen Camaro," said Al Oppenheiser, Camaro chief engineer.

"As a result, the 2016 Camaro builds on what made the current Camaro such a success with more power, more agile handling and more technology," he said.

However, there was also another aspect at play dictating how the new Camaro would look and feel — the new Ford Mustang which itself has been redefining

benchmarks. And on paper, each new Camaro model seems to trump its Mustang equivalent.

The new SS model boasts a body honed by 350 hours in the wind tunnel, a 455hp, 6.2-litre V8 from a Corvette Stingray, a six-speed manual transmission, Brembo brakes and optional magnetic ride control.

Still, plump for any of the new engines on offer, from the 2-litre, turbocharged four-cylinder unit to the new

3.6-litre V6, the resulting car will offer economy (via cylinder deactivation technology), performance and agility in equal measure.

In terms of technology, the new car can be configured and customized to suit an individual owner's tastes, from throttle response to suspension set-up.

The sixth-generation Camaro will go on sale in the U.S. later this year and will arrive on European shores next year. AFP



The new Chevrolet Camaro SS. CHEVROLET

Cars fuelled Letterman's material

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz



It's getting awfully late for The Late Show with David Letterman. In fact there is precisely one show left, and it will be broadcast tonight at 11:30 p.m. ET.

After that, TV screens will not exactly go dark on weekdays at 11:30, but for David Letterman fans, yours truly included, it will seem a little darker than usual, at least during a suitable grieving period.

Dave's first late show, Late Night with David Letterman, debuted in 1982. Since then, the talk-show host has thrown watermelons off buildings, put on a Velcro suit and flung himself against a Velcro wall, and crushed various things in a hydraulic press.

Letterman is also a real "car guy," and wasn't shy about showing that side of himself on the show. Check out Dave's visit to Jerry Seinfeld's Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee, to hear Dave talk cars and watch Jerry drive one of Letterman's prized vehicle possessions — a 1995

Volvo 960 Wagon stuffed with a Ford V8 racing engine.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Ind., and a big fan of Indy-car racing, Letterman routinely invited the Indy 500 race winner on the show, and then became involved in the sport, as a co-owner of the successful Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing team.

Canadian car enthusiasts can also be proud of how Letterman brought to prominence Richard "Dick" Assman, the gas station operator from Regina, Sask. Yes, we should be so proud, of how Dave referenced him continu-

ously on the show for about a month, and seemed unable to help himself to the wordplay comedy that was possible by just saying "Assman the Gasman."

So thanks Dave, for all that late-night comedy, automotive and otherwise. Here are some entries of Dave's famous Top 10 lists that had something to do with cars and/or driving:

Top 10 Things that Will Get You Kicked Out of Disney World

- Driving down Main Street USA

with Bambi's mother strapped to your fender

Top 10 Summer Jobs in Hell

- Human Axle, Raymond Burr's Town Car

Bigfoot's Top 10 Peeves

- Driver's licence photo makes him look like Gregg Allman

Top 10 Ways to Add Excitement to a Long Car Trip

- Play connect the dots with dead bugs on windshield

Top Ten Perks to Being

Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame

- Use of bullpen car for family vacations

John Gotti's Top 10 Tax Tips

- Guys who escape from the trunk of your car may be considered business losses

Top 10 Least

Popular Broadway Shows

- I'm Not Going to Pay a Lot for this Muffler: A Dramatic Reading by James Earl Jones

Top 10 Ways to Tell You're Possessed

- You don't have to use the rear-view mirror to look at the cars behind you

Top 10 Peeves of the Ghost of Elvis

- Ghost of Leonardo Da Vinci never really thanked me for the Cadillac I gave him

Top 10 Unsafe Toys

- Traffic Tag

The Easter Bunny's Top 10 Pet Peeves

- Having to cross I-95

Top 10 Ways Life would be Different if Dogs Ran the World

- All motorists must drive with their head out the car window

Top 10 Ways American Cars Would be Different if Ralph Nader Had Never Been Born

- Strobe headlights make oncoming traffic look like an old time movie



David Letterman is retiring.
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+ AUTOMOTIVE-INSPIRED LETTERMAN TOP TEN LISTS

Top 10 Least Popular Roadside Attractions

10. Geraldo-Land
9. Arena Football Hall of Fame
8. Stump Johnson's World of Angry Animals
7. World's Largest Spit Tank
6. Catch-Your-Own Wasp Ranch
5. Recreation of Vin Scully's boyhood home
4. One-eyed Elf Dodgeball Cage
3. You-Hit-It, We-Cook-It Roadkill Grill
2. The Enhanced Mitten
1. Giant Shirtless Santa Claus

Top 10 Rejected Model Names for Cars

10. Pontiac Cyst
9. Dodge Glove
8. Oldsmobile Beiruter
7. Nissan Spleen
6. Chevy Junta
5. Hyundai Accordion
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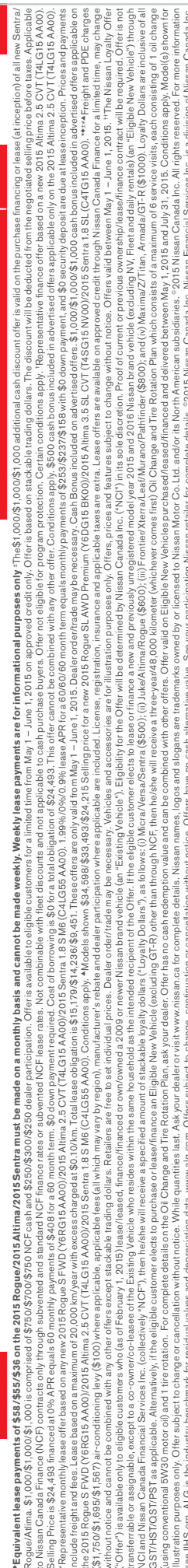
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E-truck to begin tests this summer

BOLT EV

GM confirms e-car's name

General Motors' upcoming mass-market pure electric car will be called the Bolt EV, the company confirmed. The hatchback will debut in 2016 as a 2017 model. It will have a range of more than 320 kilometres and will be sold across the U.S. and Canada. The car is "a significant statement" of Chevrolet's commitment to electrification, and the name suits this vehicle designed for attainability, GM said.



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TRANSPORT

BMW touts 'green' vehicle

The BMW Group has partnered with logistics company SCHERM Group on a 35-tonne pure-electric truck to move goods on Germany's roads this summer. The truck emits no carbon dioxide and virtually no particle pollution, BMW said, adding the truck will generate 10.7 metric tonnes less carbon dioxide per year, compared to an equivalent diesel-engine truck.



THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

CONCEPTS

Cow dung to fuel G-Code

The Mercedes-Benz Vision G-Code concept that debuted at the recent Geneva Motor Show in Switzerland pioneers advanced conceptual thinking, including being powered by methane derived from cow dung, but don't expect to see it on public roads anytime soon, writes Britain's CAR magazine. Its combustion engine runs on hydrogen derived from methane with supplemental plug-in hybrid drive. Basically, the engine drives the front wheels and the electric motor drives the rear wheels. Its "multi-voltaic silver" paint is not only supposed to act as a giant solar cell, but is also electrostatically charged by wind to help keep the batteries topped up, while more energy is harvested from suspension rebound. CAR magazine says don't expect a vehicle anything like the G-Code until late this century.



HYBRIDS

North America may get Rogue

Nissan has added a hybrid version of its popular Rogue tall wagon to its Japan lineup, and might bring it to North America, reports industry watchdog Automotive News. Nissan did not announce overseas sales plans, but is considering a possible U.S. introduction of a Rogue hybrid, said chief engineer Nobusuke Toukara. U.S. hybrid production is expected to increase over the next five years as vehicle-emission rules become more stringent, and Nissan wants to have a hybrid ready, if necessary, he said.



+ ENVIRONMENT

U.S. could rely on flex-fuel vehicles to fill mandate

The U.S. wants to cut greenhouse-gas emissions from its government's 655,000-vehicle fleet by 30 per cent over the next 10 years. Hitting the target might mean buying more "flex fuel" models that run on ethanol or gasoline, notes Green Car Reports. Emissions rules allow taking credit by buying them despite most "never burning a drop of E85 (an ethanol fuel blend), which is available at fewer than 2 per cent of gas stations nationwide."

+ AUTO NEWS SWITZERLAND'S FIRST DRIVERLESS CAR HITS ZURICH ROADS



The roads of Zurich, Switzerland, hosted the Volkswagen Passat self-driving car. FLICKR: BENJAMIN STÄUDINGER

Swiss telephone firm Swisscom recently unveiled a driverless car that has been tested on the roads of Zurich, a first in the country. The Volkswagen Passat, which underwent a week of road tests earlier this month, had been equipped with sensors, computers and special software. "Swisscom is interested in the digitization of the economy," said company official Christian Petit. The

computer drives, steers and brakes the car and uses laser scanners, radar and video cameras to detect nearby vehicles and pedestrians and road users. The software is used to issue driving commands and analyse data. The project also involves Germany's AutoNomo Labs, which has run similar tests in Berlin. The test Passat has two people in it as a precautionary measure. AFP



Supercharging with Tesla. TESLA

China inspires Tesla move

E-CARS

Automaker to adopt new charging standards

Electric-car maker Tesla will adopt China's future standard for charging electric vehicles, the company said recently, in an issue which has been a barrier to sales for the US firm in the world's largest auto market.

Tesla's imported electric vehicles now use a plug based on the European standard, which is incompatible with the current Chinese standard, Tesla officials have said. But Tesla has pledged to make its vehicles match China's charging standard, which is still under review.

"Tesla will also provide conversion devices for vehicles to realize perfect compatibility with the new standard," the company said.

China is currently formulating its own standards for electric vehicles including charging, the Ministry of In-

dustry and Information Technology said in September, but gave no timing.

"Solving the charging problem is the top priority in promoting pure-electric cars," said Zhu Xiaotong, Tesla's general manager for the China region.

"Tesla will fully co-operate on the development of the national standards and construction of public charging infrastructure," he added.

Despite early positive media coverage, the company has struggled in the Chinese market, building up an inventory of unsold cars and laying off staff. Tesla founder Elon Musk told the media earlier this year, "China is the only place on Earth where we have excess inventory."

China's electric car market remains small for now. Electric and hybrid vehicle sales in the country reached 26,581 in the first quarter of this year, three times the number from the year-ago period, but still accounting for less than 1 per cent of total sales, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. AFP

RANKINGS

Mazda3: coolest car in U.S.

The Mazda3 has taken the top honour as the coolest affordable car on sale in the US at the moment, pushing the Volkswagen Golf into second place.

The ranking comes courtesy of Kelley Blue Book, the consumer- and industry-serving vehicle valuation and automotive research firm, which

has published the annual list.

Kelley Blue Book defined a car as cool — and a candidate for its list — if it cost \$18,000 or less, was fun to drive and fun to own, that is, spent most of its time in the driveway rather than with a mechanic or an after-sales service department. AFP

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Mazda Tribute has got grip

USED VEHICLE

Checks on 2008-2011 models include transmission

Now replaced by the Mazda CX-5, the Tribute was a Ford-based crossover model that offered up available V6 power, four-wheel drive, generous amounts of ground clearance, and a focus on capability and versatility.

Competing with machines such as the Toyota RAV-4, Honda CR-V and Subaru Forester, Tribute also offered two or four-wheel drive, and manual or automatic transmissions.

The model boasted a comfortable ride and car-like handling, despite being surprisingly capable in an off-road setting. The fully automatic 4x4 system works well in virtually any situation, too, diligently extracting traction from even slippery surfaces.

Largely, the Tribute looks like a solid used crossover SUV bet, though a few checks are advised during the test-drive

process for peace of mind.

On a test drive of 2008-2011 models, pay special attention to the operation of the automatic transmission.

Scrutinize any model that is difficult to shift into or out of gear, and note any hard shifting, hesitation or slipping from the gearbox.

Some owners have reported having to replace transmissions under warranty. Another sign of trouble is a delay when trying to shift from reverse to drive, and vice versa. Try this several times, making note of any delay.

Check for proper operation of the power windows in both directions, as numerous reports of failed window regulators have been made in owner forums.

Note any coolant or oil leaks beneath the vehicle, especially originating from the transfer case or rear differential. If a leak is detected, a bad seal may be the culprit.

Finally, check the used Tribute for rust, especially around the lower and inner edges of the doors, tailgate and hood.

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Features

Power seats, tinted glass, fog lamps, stability control, air conditioning, cruise control, leather-wrapped accents, steering-wheel audio controls, remote access, heated mirrors and MP3 capability for the stereo system.

What owners like

Good performance from the factory stereo system, very pleasing performance with the 240-horsepower V6 engine, good ride quality and year-round traction on AWD models. Good outward visibility and a tough and durable feel to the Tribute's ride are also noted.

What owners dislike

Mainly heavy fuel consumption, some cheap interior trim, and higher-than-expected levels of wind and road noise. Some owners also wish for more comfortable seats, or a manual-mode with the automatic transmission for more control of shifting.

The verdict

Tribute seems to be well-enjoyed for its driving experience and performance, though potential transmission issues seem slightly worrisome. Seek out a good price on a model with full service records that exhibit no signs of trouble, and buy confidently.

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Nothing short of amazing

NHL PLAYOFFS

Top scorers proving once again that size isn't everything

The Stanley Cup playoffs can be a roller-coaster ride with climbs and drops, unpredictable twists and turns. But there's no sign that reads: "You must be this tall to ride."

If that existed, there'd be no room for Tyler Johnson of the Tampa Bay Lightning or Johnny Gaudreau of the Calgary Flames. Johnson is favourably listed at five-foot-eight and Gaudreau at five-foot-nine, yet they've been larger than life in this post-season.

Johnson, Gaudreau and even

sub-six-foot players like Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks, Sami Vatanen of the Anaheim Ducks, Brendan Gallagher of the Montreal Canadiens and Carl Hagelin of the New York Rangers are proving that the playoffs can be a small guy's game.

"You don't have to be 6-4. You don't have to be Corey Perry or Ryan Getzlaf," NHL director of hockey operations Colin Campbell said. "Talent comes in all sizes now."

With all due respect to Randy Newman, short people have plenty of reasons to live and thrive in hockey today. Stricter enforcement of penalties after the 2004-05 lockout brought more speed to the game and opened the ice for more

little guys

than back when Theo Fleury broke the mould.

In 2010, 5-8 Danny Briere, then of the Philadelphia Flyers, led the playoffs in scoring. In 2011, 5-8 Martin St. Louis and 5-9 Brad Marchand of the Boston Bruins were among the leaders.

Three of the playoffs' top five scorers in these playoffs are under six feet: Johnson, Kane and Lightning winger Nikita Kucherov.

"The one thing about smaller guys, bigger players always have to play themselves off teams," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "Smaller players always have to play themselves on teams. As a smaller player, I believe you have to set yourself apart in some aspect. You have to be better than

everybody else."

Johnson has been precisely that with a playoff-best 11 goals and 16 points. Gaudreau led the Flames in playoff scoring to cap

off an impressive rookie season.

Size isn't on Johnson's mind, nor is being passed over in three different NHL drafts when 632 other players got picked. But the 24-year-old recognizes hockey's changing landscape.

"It's just one of those things that the smaller guys, even Marty St. Louis, kind of

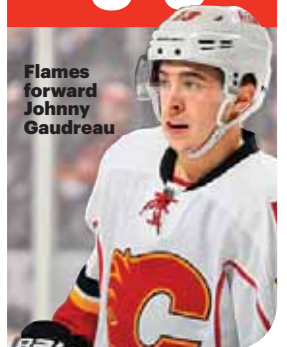
opened doors for the smaller guys to get into the league," Johnson said. "You see guys growing up that have the size and kind of the pedigree and everything. A lot of those guys aren't playing any more. I just always had to work hard."

Asked last round what stood out about Johnson, Tampa Bay teammate Jason Garrison quipped: "Other than he's short?" When he stopped smiling he explained that while Johnson may be short in stature, he's long on work ethic.

But Johnson and Gaudreau

5-9

Flames forward Johnny Gaudreau



didn't get to NHL stardom just from the chip on their shoulders about their height or even long hours on the ice. They're superbly talented, too, and that's in display in the playoff spotlight.

"You look at a Gaudreau, his hockey sense is off the charts, better than most. That's why he survives," Cooper said. "Tyler Johnson, his speed, his competitiveness. That's what sets these guys apart."

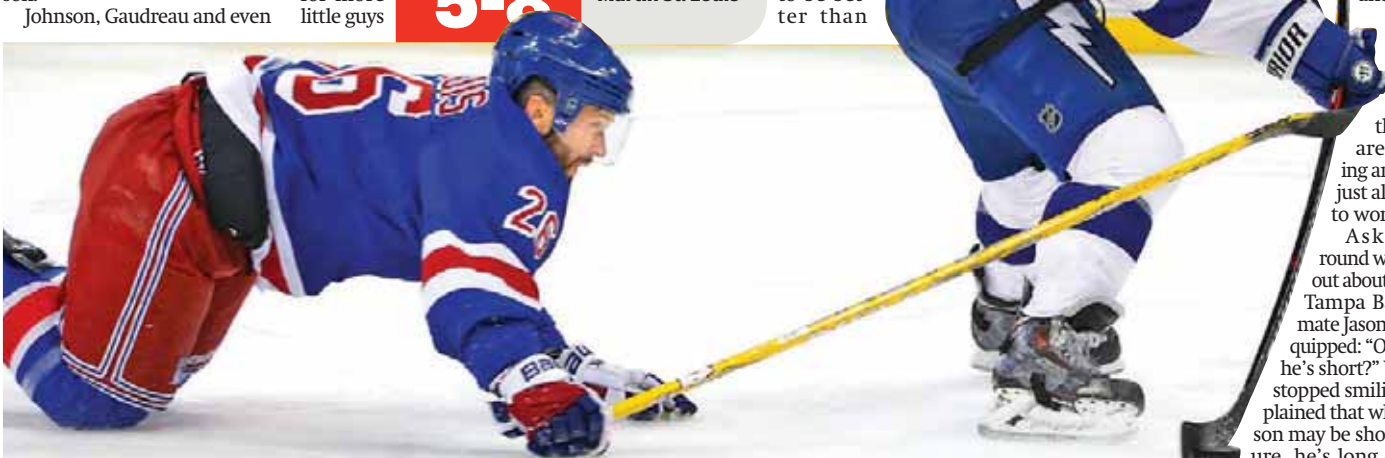
Campbell is proud of how much value is on speed and skill nowadays with coaches, general managers and scouts saying, "If you can't skate, you can't play." That's even true in the playoffs, where the physicality ramps up and defences clamp down.

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Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Game 2 of the Blackhawks-Ducks series on Tuesday night.

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Rangers forward Martin St. Louis



Martin St. Louis, left, could do little to stop fellow small dude Tyler Johnson in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final on Monday night. Johnson had a hat trick in the Lightning's 6-2 win and leads playoff scoring with 16 points. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COACHING DECISION

Oilers get their man in McLellan

Todd McLellan said he saw something in Taylor Hall and Jordan Eberle at the recent world hockey championship.

And when he became head coach of the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday, he pointed to the promise of those young players as a big part of his decision.

The Oilers made the announcement two days after McLellan coached Canada — including Hall and Eberle — to gold at the world championship in Prague.



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McLellan appeared to be Edmonton's top target since Peter Chiarelli took over as general manager earlier this month. After the Oilers won the draft lottery for the right to select Connor McDavid, Chiarelli met with McLellan in Prague and hammered out a deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Babcock in talks with Sabres, source says

Though a deal was not completed, Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock had negotiations with the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday regarding the possibility of becoming their next head coach.

The talks took place between Babcock and Sabres general manager Tim Murray and began early in the day, a person familiar with discussions said. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pats owner backs off appeal

Now that Patriots owner Robert Kraft is not appealing his team's punishments in the deflated footballs scandal, only his quarterback's challenge remains.

Moments after Kraft said Tuesday he won't oppose the \$1 million fine and loss of two draft choices the NFL penalized the team for its role in using underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game, the players' union reasserted that Tom Brady's appeal will go forward. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

MLSE head strikes Argos deal: Source

The Toronto Argonauts have found a new home and owner.

Two league sources confirmed Tuesday the CFL team has been sold to Bell and MLSE chairman Larry Tanenbaum. The official announcement will be made Wednesday.

The sources say the deal also includes a lease agreement for the Argos to begin play at BMO Field as early as next season. That's pending renovations needed to accommodate the CFL field but they're expected to be com-



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pleted in time for the football franchise to play at the lakefront stadium in 2016. The Argos will play this season at Rogers Centre. Their lease there is to expire after the 2017 campaign although they have the option of leaving earlier if they find a new venue. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin, left, and relief pitcher Roberto Osuna celebrate after the final out of a win over the Red Sox earlier this month in Toronto. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

‘No worries’ for Blue Jays’ red-hot rookie

MLB

Mexico’s Osuna taking well to life in the bullpen

Roberto Osuna has of late been wearing a fan-designed T-shirt every day during his pre-game workouts. The shirt reads: “Osuna Matata: It means no worries for the rest of the game.”

The 20-year-old rookie, who was born a year after The Lion King hit theatres, admits he didn’t understand the reference at first — “(Steve) Delabar explained it to me” — but through the early part of this season its message has rung true.

Though the Jays’ bullpen has struggled overall, Osuna, who

prior to this season had never pitched above Class A, has been the team’s most reliable reliever, allowing just a pair of runs over his 21 innings. The Mexican right-hander’s stingy 0.86 ERA ranks fourth among American League relievers with at least 15 innings pitched this season.

Osuna put up another zero on Monday afternoon, allowing an inherited runner to score in the sixth, but shutting the door in the seventh to earn his first career win. “I think I’ve got good luck, man,” he told Torstar News Service recently regarding his early-season success. “I hope to keep doing what I’m doing.”

Osuna freely admits to being surprised by how well he has pitched. “Of course. When I made the team I thought I’d be a low reliever, probably wouldn’t throw too much,” he said. “But now I

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Roberto Osuna

got, like, 20 innings. I’m throwing in the seventh and eighth innings — it’s great.”

A starter throughout his minor-league career, Osuna said he has enjoyed his transition to the bullpen, which suits his eager personality. “I really like it. I like being ready every day.”

Despite a similar lack of experience, Osuna has yet to encounter any of the hiccups of his compadre, Miguel Castro, who was demoted to Triple-A Buffalo earlier this month after his early-season struggles started

to snowball.

The pair were attached at the hip throughout spring training and during the first month of the season, but Osuna said he has not spoken to Castro at all since he was sent down. “I hope he’s doing well, but I haven’t talked to him.”

That’s not uncommon in the singularly focused big leagues, where those who are injured, traded or demoted are quickly forgotten, their lockers cleaned out before anyone even notices they’re gone.

“We are friends, but we’re different,” Osuna says. “Everyone’s trying to make it through, so I’m here and I’m trying to do my best. I’m focused on the big leagues right now and trying to help the team win. That’s it. Anything else I don’t pay too much attention.”

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INDIANAPOLIS 500

Hinchcliffe out of racing indefinitely

Ruled out of racing for the foreseeable future, IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe thanked the “heroes” who helped him after his frightening crash at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

There was never any doubt that Monday’s accident was serious: Hinchcliffe was taken immediately to a local hospital for surgery on his left thigh and pelvic area and two sources familiar with the details told The Associated Press his leg had been pierced by the car’s right front rocker.

The surgery at Indiana University Methodist Hospital was needed to stop massive bleeding and his doctor said Monday that

the accident had left the popular Canadian in critical condition.

“He’s stable and improving,” said Dr. Timothy Pohlman, who performed the surgery at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital. “His condition was critical upon his arrival and I think the IndyCar system as a whole needs to be commended for how well they can take care of drivers in this situation.”

“Words can’t describe how thankful I am” to the on-track Holmatro safety team, Hinchcliffe said in a statement released by IndyCar. “Those guys, in addition to the doctors and staff at the hospital, are my heroes.”

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James Hinchcliffe last June in Houston. CHRIS TROTMAN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

IN BRIEF

Contador gains time on rival Porte after 10th stage

Alberto Contador held on to the overall lead and gained time on rival Richie Porte in the very flat 10th stage of the Giro d’Italia on Tuesday. Italian rider Nicola Boem won the stage after getting into an early breakaway that reached the finish.

Porte had to change a punctured tire and dropped behind the main pack in the final kilometres, losing 47 seconds to the general classification leaders. Porte dropped from third to fourth overall, 1:09 behind Contador. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada may be on shortlist to host World Cup 2026

A 2026 World Cup hosting contest which could include the United States and exclude Europe will take shape next week when FIFA agrees on campaign rules.

FIFA said Tuesday that its executive committee will approve bidding regulations at a two-day meeting starting Monday.

The executive committee could block European bids from a contest set to feature CONCACAF neighbours Canada, Mexico and the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 4 tsp chopped fresh dill
- 24 slices cucumber (¼ inch thick)

Directions

1. Combine the goat cheese, yogurt and lemon juice until

smooth, using a food processor or by hand.

2. Dice the smoked salmon and set aside 24 small bits for garnish. Add the remaining salmon and the dill to the yogurt-cheese mixture.

3. Divide the mixture evenly among the cucumber slices. Garnish with the reserved salmon bits.

Nutrition per cucumber slice (recipe serves 6)

- Calories 14
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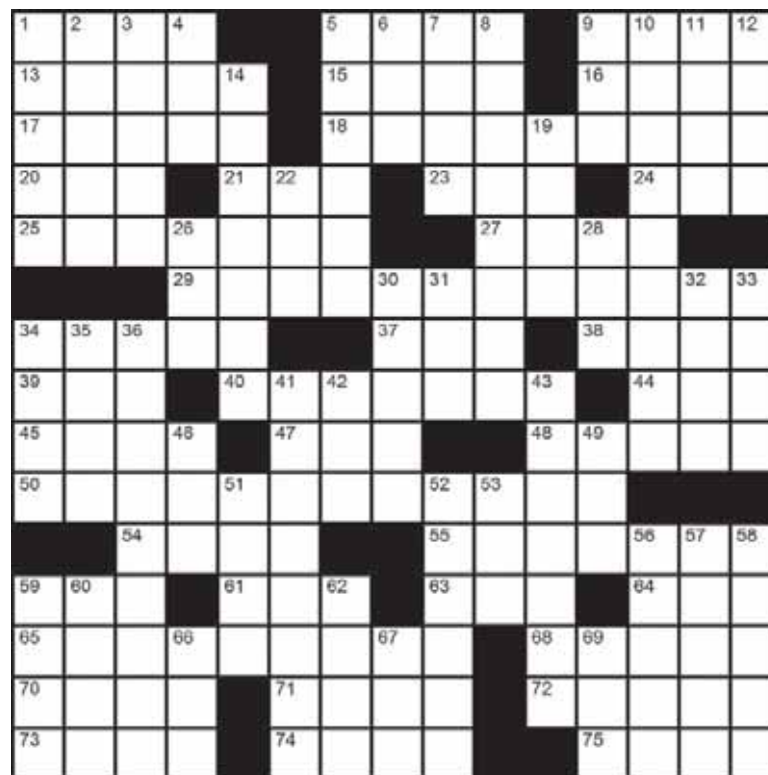
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ACROSS

1. Earthen pot type
5. Foreboding
9. Quebec city on the Saguenay River
13. Montreal-born actress, Tara Spencer—
15. Writer, wee-ly
16. Envisioned
17. Little Richard's "Frutti"
18. Mine (Nickel mine in Sudbury)
20. "— you sure?"
21. "— need to talk to you." ...said the agent to Mr. Pacino
23. Ms. West
24. Deuce
25. Ideal model
27. Alaskan city
29. "The ——" (APTN show on which a panel of comedians discuss current events with host Michael Hutchinson)
34. Scrooge
37. Tokyo, once
38. Captain Hook's sidekick
39. Suffix meaning 'Sort of'
40. They speak louder than words
44. High sch. math
45. Mix
47. Promos
48. Cheryl of "Curb You Enthusiasm"
50. Places to pick up milk, the paper, 6/49 tickets, etc.: 2 wds.
54. Norse epic
55. Northern flights provider headquar-



61. "— Mine" by The Beatles
63. Increase
64. TV brand
65. Settlers of The New World
68. Elliptical path

70. Above
71. Behind
72. Beatles 'Revolver' song: "For —"
73. Cozy retreat
74. Punt
75. Energy units

DOWN

1. Available for pour-

- ing: 2 wds.
2. Ex-Pres. Bush's wife
3. Less heavy, in diet food advertisements
4. Auction ware
5. Veneer
6. France's li'l locale

7. "Up and —!" (Rise and shine!)
8. Welsh goddess sharing the name of a Fleetwood Mac hit
9. Strong wood
10. Big name departing late night TV tonight
11. Feline's utter-

- ance
12. Latin 'year'
14. — Falls, Ontario
19. Cartography subj.
22. "— Grant"
26. Brewery brew
28. Docs
30. Art gallery crime
31. Oath-taker's words
32. River to the Ubangi
33. Ms. Tilly's
34. Filing cabinet abbr.
35. "That's all there — it!"
36. "Mama Said": 1961 hit for The —
41. Chocolate bar with a 'Secret' sealed in a Toronto vault
42. QB's feats
43. Character on "The Big Bang Theory"
46. Circular, curtly
49. Doctrine
51. Mag gig, —-Chief
52. Ric of The Cars
53. "Way cool."
56. Ann —, Michigan
57. — on the cake
58. Appraises
59. Computer graphic
60. Theme of many songs
62. Mr. Morales
66. Bit of food
67. Transport for T.O. commuters
69. — v. Wade

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

Can you tell fact from fiction? When confronted with two sets of figures today you must not just assume that what the experts tell you is right. Use your powers of logic to cut through the hype.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

If there is something you have left unfinished, then get on with it today and get it out of the way once and for all. When the Sun leaves your birth sign tomorrow you will have more important things to worry about, so do it now.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

The Sun moves into your birth sign tomorrow and if you are smart you will spend the next 12 to 24 hours tying up loose ends. After that it's all systems go.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

You have nothing to be worried about and everything to look forward to over the next few days and you need to keep reminding yourself of that fact. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will challenge you to always be positive.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You will be putting yourself about over the next two or three days, especially on the work front where you can sense that the present confusion and chaos will give rise to new opportunities.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As the Sun crosses the career angle of your chart tomorrow the next two or three days are going to be extremely important for your ambitions. If ever there was a time to set your sights higher that time is now. Be the best.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Put your worries behind you and let a big smile spread across your face. Once the Sun moves into your fellow Air sign of Gemini tomorrow there will be no holding you back — it will be love and laughs all the way.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Partnerships won't be so intense as from this evening, which is good, but that does not mean you can ignore them altogether. In fact, joint financial ventures are still hugely important, so make sure you know what others are doing with your money!

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are about to enter a more positive phase but that does not mean you can do as you please. The Sun's entry into your opposite sign tomorrow is a boost but it is also an invitation to

work more closely with partners.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Over the next few days you will need to get a bit more serious about your work and your wellbeing. Not that there's anything to worry about but you do need to pace yourself better.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

One of the best times of the year is about to begin and when the Sun changes signs tomorrow there will be no stopping you. Just remember to pause and enjoy the moment once in a while. Live in the present.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Whatever new chores and duties come your way over the next few days you can still have fun. Loved ones will go out of their way to make life enjoyable for you.

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